

WILLIMANTIC

JITNEY DRIVER RELEASED.

Not Sufficient Evidence Against Theodore Marrotte, Charged with Reckless Driving.

Theodore Marrotte, the original jitney driver in this city, was before the police court Monday morning on the charge of reckless driving, made by Mrs. Edward Collins of No. 128 Church street. He was released, however, as the complainant stated she did not wish to have his license taken away, and the evidence as to whether or not Marrotte blew his horn was quite contradictory.

Mrs. Collins claimed she was ordering vegetables from a cart in front of her home, and took one step from the side of the cart, when the auto went by so close that it brushed her skirt, and at a rapid pace, without any signal having been given. Otto O'Sullivan, who was passing at the time, and E. H. Jacobs, the driver of the wagon, both testified that they heard no horn.

However, Marrotte and Emil Cote, who was in the car with him, stated that the horn was blown in rounding Maple avenue into Church street and that the car was not going over 12 miles an hour.

In Jail at Nineteen.

Joseph Dion, nineteen years of age, who was brought to this city from Rhode Island Saturday to answer to a charge of the theft of a coat and trousers from Alfred Miller of this city about a month ago, pleaded guilty to larceny and went to jail, in default of paying his fine of \$10 and costs.

Reconciliation Too Late.

Joseph Costello and Matteo Pisano, charged with breach of the peace as

the result of a quarrel Saturday night, explained to the court that they had patched up their differences and seemed to think that on that account they should not be fined. This reason did not appeal to the judge, who fined each man one dollar and costs, which was paid.

Principal Harroun Returns.

Principal James L. Harroun of the Natheaus school, who has just returned from his summer vacation, is spending mornings this week at the school arranging for the work of the coming year.

Progress on New Hall.

Work on the new St. Mary's hall on Valley street is progressing satisfactorily, and it is probable that the brick walls of the building will be completed this week. Contractor Alex. Caisse is in charge of the work.

City Expends \$793.10.

The city labor payroll for the week ending Aug. 28, 1915, totalled \$793.10, divided among the departments as follows: Police department, regular, \$153.40, special \$2.75; street cleaning, \$80.36; sidewalk construction, \$190.98; office streets, \$112.09; sewer construction, \$154.01; waterworks, \$93.61.

Band Concert Tonight.

This week's band concert at Recreation park will be held tonight instead of Thursday, as has been the custom during the summer. These outdoor concerts by the always popular Willimantic American band, have attracted many to the park this summer, and are greatly appreciated by the public. The concert is given by the American Thread company, in line with the efforts to popularize the park grounds.

Scouts Home from Camp.

The members of the local troop of Boy Scouts, who have been spending a fortnight in camp at Crystal Lake, Eastford, have returned to their homes in this city, after a most enjoyable time of roughing it at the camp. The party broke camp Monday morning.

Treasurer-elect H. H. Huber in Town.
H. H. Huber, formerly of Hartford, at one time connected with the Willimantic Trust company in this city, and who is to succeed P. S. Hillis as treasurer of the banking institution September 1st, is at the local bank this week acquainting himself with his new duties.

Real Estate Transfer.

Pierre Laramie has purchased from George S. Elliott the house and lot on Valley street owned by the estate of the late Maria S. Elliott, and intends to occupy the property.

Infant's Death.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harnes of 406 Valley street, died at St. Joseph's hospital Monday morning, shortly after birth.

FUNERAL.

The body of Eliza Somers, who died in Pawtucket, R. I., last Wednesday, was brought to this city Monday morning on the 11:17 train and taken in charge by Funeral Director Jay M. Shepard. Services were held at the Willimantic cemetery, where burial took place. Rev. M. B. Plumb of Windham officiated.

REGULAR ARMY TROOPS

WIN AT PLATTSBURGH.
Routed the Red Army After an All-Day Battle.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 30.—A charge by the Third United States Infantry of the Blue army taking part in the war game which is furnishing instruction for the business men attending the military camp here routed the Red army and captured Round Point after a furious battle lasting most of the day. Just prior to the charge of the regulars, two battalions of the business men's regiment, charged across open ground and through brush and put to flight the Reds who had entrenched themselves on a hill.

Utah in 1914 mined \$108,036 tons of coal, valued at \$4,935,454.

Belgium to Get It Either Way

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published in Germany, but goes into the subject of threats against Belgian neutrality.

Says Belgium Violated Neutrality.

"The chancellor never said that Belgium sold her neutrality to England, but asserted that it had been proved by documents that Belgium has fostered British military plans, thus herself violating her neutrality.

British Threat to Land Troops in Belgium.

"The article points out that the discussion of all eventualities by British and Belgian military officials must have been reported to the British cabinet. Documents found in Brussels, it is asserted, show conclusively that a British military attaché coolly told his Belgian colleague that Great Britain would land troops in Belgium without Belgium's consent, and that Belgium never had protested against this, having decided not to resist a British violation of Belgian neutrality; but that upon the mere supposition that a German invasion was possible the Belgian government prepared complete plans for co-operation with British forces. Such a country, it is declared, is not a neutral country.

Other documents found, the reply continues, show that the British general staff received, reviewed and discussed important reports of attaches stationed at Brussels.

"The chancellor, it is added, did not endeavor to bring to light facts that would justify a violation of Belgian neutrality in August, 1914, and stated the reason in his reichstag speech, declaring that the German troops invaded Belgium after the latter had already broken her own neutrality.

"Besides, it is added, the excitement over the morals of a violation of a 75 year old treaty made for entirely different purposes, and it is pointed out that a country which unconcernedly disregarded a promise solemnly given 55 years ago to all Europe, and which continuously supported violations of the obligations accepted in 1911 regarding Morocco."

What Sir Edward Grey Intimated.

The Overseas News agency here takes up the assertion by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg in his recent reichstag speech that Sir Edward Grey had said to the German ambassador, as he was taking leave of him after the outbreak of the war, that it might be possible that England could be of more assistance to Germany at the war's close by entering the conflict than if she had remained neutral. It notes the Gazette's assertion that Sir Edward Grey had denied having made such remarks as the German chancellor in his reichstag address had interpreted as meaning that Sir Edward would be able to aid Germany against Russia.

The text of the memorandum in which Prince Lichnowsky, the German ambassador at London, recorded his question of his interview with the British secretary for foreign affairs is reproduced in the newspaper by the Overseas News agency as follows:

"Sir Edward Grey said to me that he would like to speak to me at his home before my departure and in my own words, and that he had a confidential communication to make that possibly would be valuable in the future. I answered that in view of the turn of affairs had taken it would be painful for me to meet him again, but would yield to his request as I did not wish to miss an opportunity to have possibly be important to the future of both nations.

"Sir Edward Grey was visibly moved as he greeted me. He said the decision he had been obliged to take was the gravest of his entire life, and that the deciding consideration was that participation would injure England little more than a passive course, more over that England as a participating power would be in a better position to throw her influence into the balance than by remaining neutral, because she would be able at any time to threaten to withdraw from the conflict.

Violation of International Treaties.

"The violation of international treaties guaranteed by England, he said, made it impossible for her to stand aside. Also he regarded it as independent to consider the suggestion of the imperial cabinet regarding the conditions for Great Britain's neutrality. From the British point of view, such a transaction impressed him as improper and he would not enter into negotiations with a power that could make such propositions. In former interviews he had chief stress upon the Belgian question without adding, as he did in his speech in the house of commons, that England could not look on while Germany endeavored to reduce not only France, but also Belgium and Holland to a state of dependency."

Confidential Communication.

The foreign secretary's confidential communication to Prince Lichnowsky is thus summarized:

The confidential communication was to the effect that should events not take the turn anticipated by the German military party or should Great Britain wish for other reasons to bring the war to a speedy end he would always be prepared, if he remained in a position to take the task of mediation and be of assistance to Germany. He had not the slightest intention to crush Germany and wished only to restore peace upon acceptable conditions and put an end to unspeakable misery for the civilized world.

"Prince Lichnowsky remarked that the role of arbiter would be easier for Sir Edward Grey than for Great Britain maintained neutrality. He answered that participation of England would shorten the duration of the war."

The Overseas News Agency, in concluding its summary of the North German Gazette's reply, says:

"If Sir Edward Grey had assented to the acceptance of the proposal for a conference he would have maintained peace."

Mobilization Led to War.

"If Germany had quietly looked on while Russia gathered her millions of soldiers at frontiers and Germany today would look as East Prussia did after the Russian invasion, and Sir Edward Grey himself had read the report that Russian mobilization led to German mobilization and

War.

"The northern part of this line is reinforced by a line from Duenaburg behind Vilna and Lida, which is based upon the marshes of Pines. Much of the surface of these marshes would be the ideal for military operations not undertaken in aeroplanes and dirigibles. There is, however, no other present stretch of railway so favorably situated for military operations as the line from Lida, through Lida, Baranovitch, to Rovno. There is one line of rail, running southeast, the Vilna-Minsk-Gomel stretch, and another line from Pinsk, southwest, to Baranovitch, and thence by the present outpost transverse line to Rovno.

"More than 100 miles of the line directly below Minsk, through morens and marsh land, whose defense will be little cause of worry to the Russians. A part of this water-logged area to the north of the Pripiet swamps has been included in great Russian reclamation projects, and millions of rubles have been expended to obtain a proper drainage for the land, whose thick

war. If the foreign secretary had told St. Petersburg that Great Britain would not enter a conflict, war would have been avoided instead of precipitated by the promise of support.

What Germany is Fighting For.

"Germany fights not for supremacy, as Sir Edward said, but for the liberation of Europe from the brutalized over it by her powerful fleet and with her policy of dividing the European powers into two hostile camps. The whole region in the center of the line is crossed by innumerable rivers, rivulets and creeks, most of them flowing north and south, mobilizing in the low Pines swamp region and their waters finally finding their way westward into the mighty Dnieper and into the Black Sea."

LONG TERTIARY LINE

OF RUSSIAN DEFENSE.

Runs Through Dnieper Belt in Whole Land of the Muscovites.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30.—Characteristics of the long tertiary line of Russian defense, to which the Muscovites may retreat in consequence of Roumanian Danube, south, to the German successes south of the National Geographic Society. Roughly estimated, this line extends more than a thousand miles crossing plains, lake country, rolling hills, impassable swamps, and through dense forest belts. Almost throughout its whole extent winter is bitter and rigorous. With the German armies able to force the abandonment by the Russians of the Brest Litovsk line and with a continuation of their advance into the vast empire, the battles that are to decide the future fate of Europe may be fought out along this line of Russian defense. The bulletin reads:

"The Russian defense line in all Russia is that through which the third line of Russian western defense is traced. This line runs through the middle of the Russian empire, from the land of backwardness and poverty, where an unfavorable Nature and a past whose history is full of luckless chance have, alike, proved themselves to the development of the country and its people. The sections of this line of immediate interest are those beginning at Riga, on the Baltic, and following the broad Dvina River to Duenaburg, turning south at Duenaburg and following the railway through Vilna, Lida, Baranovitch, into the trackless swamps of Pinsk and the Pripiet River to Rovno, 120 miles east-northeast of Lemberg.

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RUSSIA LIFTS EMBARGO

ON EXPORTS TO U. S.

To Guard Against Re-exportation to Enemies of Russia.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Final acceptance by Russia of the agreement for modifying the Russian embargo against exports to the United States was communicated to the state department.

Under the agreement all goods coming to the United States from Russia will be consigned to the secretary of commerce and will be distributed to the importers only when the secretary and the Russian embassy here have been satisfied that the goods will not be re-exported to enemies of Russia.

Application for export permits will be handled by the commercial agent of the department of commerce in New York and the Russian commercial agent here.

The agreement is expected to release millions of dollars' worth of merchandise which American importers have been anxiously seeking. Hides and skins, furs, seed and mineral oil are some of the more important products wanted.

VILLA CHIEF IN SONORA

TO RELINQUISH OFFICE.

General Felipe Angeles is to Assume the Chieftainship.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 30.—Jose Maytorena, Villa chief in Sonora, will relinquish the office of governor of Sonora Sept. 15, according to announcement from his office in Nogales, Sonora.

Today, Albert Morales, now secretary of the cabinet, will assume the office of governor, while General Felipe Angeles, who was reported to be on his way from Chihuahua at the head of a 3,000 men, will assume the military chieftainship on behalf of General Villa in the states of Sonora and Chihuahua.

A report that Villa had been killed became current today, causing Villa's currency to fall sharply in value, but Maytorena announced subsequently that he had received a message direct from General Villa denying the rumor.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS

SPLIT WITH TETONIC

Papers Workers' Union of England Has Taken the Initiative.

London, Aug. 30, 4:31 p. m.—The national union of paper workers has taken the initiative among British trades unions in refusing to maintain relations with German and Austrian labor federations. The decision was taken in connection with an invitation to a conference in Switzerland

with the object of reviving the international organization of trades unions. Executives of the paper workers' union, in replying to the invitation, said the organization had decided that it would never again agree to sit in a conference with representatives of a nation which applauded in the whole sale murder of 1,400 unarmed men, women and children when the Lusitania was sunk without a moment's warning.

The executives of the union propose the calling of a conference in London or Paris for the institution of a new international secretariat from interest in which German and Austrian organizations shall be excluded.

WAR ASSOCIATIONS OF

EXPERTS IN CIVIL LIFE

To Have Them Immediately Available for Nation's Service.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Plans for having immediately available for the nation's service in time of war associations or societies of engineers, bridge builders, electricians, telegraphers and other trained experts in civil life, are being worked out at the army war college in connection with the general reorganization scheme now being studied.

Secretary Garrison said today he had received numerous suggestions from members of these bodies that the organizations might be of use to supplement the army engineer and expert corps should the need arise. William Barclay Parsons, of New York, and Elmer L. Cuthrell of Massachusetts, representing them virtually all the engineering societies, called personally on the secretary today to tender formally the services of the organizations. Mr. Garrison obtained from them written suggestions as to ways in which the engineers in civil life could be useful and the whole matter was turned over to the war college for the framing of a definite plan.

PROLONGED DROUTH IN

NORTHERN STATES OF BRAZIL

Has Resulted in Serious Loss to Cattle Raisers—Crops Also Suffered.

New York, Aug. 30.—Prolonged drouth in the northern states of Brazil this summer, particularly in the states of Piauhy, Ceara, Rio Grande do Norte and Pernambuco, has resulted in serious loss to cattle raisers, according to George Holderness of Ceara, Brazil, who arrived here today on the steamer Bahia.

"The loss to cattle growers in some of these districts has been as high as 50 per cent. of their herds," said Mr. Holderness. "As a result, government aid has been requested for men dependent upon cattle for their livelihood. Among such cattle, crops have also suffered and I have within the past two months passed through whole districts that are as barren of vegetation as a desert. Districts that under normal conditions are among the most fertile in South America."

NOTHING DILATORY

ABOUT THIS JUSTICE

Negro Indicted for Murder, Pleaded Guilty and Sentenced in Six Hours.

Murphyboro, Ill., Aug. 30.—Joe Deberry, the negro who killed his benefactress, Mrs. J. H. Martin, in her

home on July 30, was indicted here today, pleaded guilty within a few minutes, again pleaded guilty when the trial court reconvened this afternoon and was sentenced to be hanged October 16.

The entire proceedings, indictments, plea, presentation of evidence to the trial jury and passing of sentence, occupied less than six hours.

Crowds thronged the courtroom today and gathered on the streets. There were threats of possible mob violence, but the presence of three companies of the Illinois national guard prevented their fulfillment.

The presiding judge would not accept Deberry's plea of guilty until he had appointed two attorneys to confer with him.

FOOT AND MOUTH INFECTION

CARRIED BY HUMAN BEINGS

Virus Upon Shoes, Clothing on Bodies of Persons.

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 30.—The American Veterinary Medical association opened its 51st annual convention here today with a discussion of the ravages of the foot and mouth disease in the year past.

Dr. John R. Mohler, assistant chief of the federal bureau of animal industry, said attacks on the bureau's efforts to stamp out the disease resembled crusades years ago against men who fought tuberculosis.

He said one out of every six cases of foot and mouth infection was brought about by virus carried upon the shoes, clothing or bodies of persons.

CHILEAN LEGISLATURE IN

CONTEST OVER PRESIDENCY

Liberals Opposing the Confirmation of Senator Fuentes.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 30.—The upper and lower houses of the Chilean legislature met in joint session today to confirm the recent election of Juan Luis San Fuentes to the presidency of the republic by the presidential electors.

The Liberals presented many claims against the election of Senator Fuentes and declare that they will insist upon them. Some anxiety over the situation is expressed by the public.

RUMORS OF EFFORTS TO

DISPLACE W. F. M'COMBS

As Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Persistent reports of efforts within the administration to displace William F. M'Combs as chairman of the democratic national committee caused Secretary Taft today to issue a statement from the White House tonight, saying he knew of no such movement and characterizing the reports as "the work of mischief-makers."

American Golfer Wounded in France.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—News was received here today that A. A. ("Bandy") Cuthbertson of San Francisco, a leading Pacific coast golfer, was wounded in the side during the fighting in northern France and was in a field hospital. His wounds were not serious, it was stated. Mr. Cuthbertson received a commission in the black battalion, soon after the European war began.

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